

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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### Miss Alexander, R.R.C.

Miss Alexander, President of the Foundation, arrived from South Africa on June 21st. She will attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, which will be held immediately preceding the meeting of the Grand Council of the Foundation in September.

### Grand Council.

A meeting of the Grand Council will be held on September 11th, 12th and 13th at St. Thomas's Hospital, in the Grand Committee Room, by kind permission of the joint treasurers and almoners.

### Committee of Management.

The regular meeting of this Committee was held on May 31st. It was attended by Monsieur de Rougé, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies. Reports were received from the Constitution Sub-Committee and the Education Sub-Committee. The audited accounts for the two years ending September, 1945, were received and adopted. The final arrangements for the Grand Council meeting in September were reported and approved.

### National Committees.

Headquarters is now in direct contact with committees in the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, India, Eire, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Roumania, South Africa, Sweden and U.S.A. With few exceptions these committees are meeting regularly, and many will be represented at the meeting of the Grand Council.

#### Australia.

Headquarters has been notified of the formation of a National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Australia.

The six scholarships made available by the Australian Red Cross and the two by the Victoria Committee have been awarded. The candidates were to leave Australia in July. A scholarship has also been awarded by the Centaur Trust.

#### Great Britain.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain in collaboration with the Royal College of Nursing is exploring the possibility of providing and maintaining a residence for nurses taking post-graduate studies in London.

The American Red Cross has made a generous gift of furniture and equipment, including linen, for the residence.

#### New Zealand.

The scholarship of £300 made available by the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of New Zealand has been offered to a candidate selected by the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Norway.

#### Eire.

Following an invitation from the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Eire, the Chairman visited Eire from June 5th to June 16th. Mrs. Carter had a warm welcome from Miss Reeves (Chairman), Miss Russell, Hon Secretary of the National Committee, and the Irish nurses. She spoke on the Foundation at a meeting organised by the National Committee at Dr. Steeven's Hospital, which had been organised with a view to raising funds. At a meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Eire, at which Miss Chambers, the Chairman, presided,

she spoke to the Irish nurses on the objects of the Foundation. The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Eire has secured the collaboration of all the nurses and of the Irish Red Cross and is showing great spirit and energy in raising funds. It is determined to complete its quota to the Endowment Fund before the Grand Council meets in September.

### Donations to the Endowment Fund.

Nightingale Fellowship, St. Thomas's Hospital, proceeds of collection taken at Commemoration Service: £32 15s.

N.F.N.M. Committee of Eire (Irish Red Cross donation): £50.

N.F.N.M. Committee of Sweden. Svensk Sjukskoterskforening (Swedish Nurses' Association): S.kr.2,000=£118 1s. 1d.

New Jersey State Branch League of Nursing Education, U.S.A.: \$10.

### Scholarships 1946-1947.

Twenty-one scholarships for periods of six months to one year have been made available for students studying under the Foundation. Fifteen of these are to be held in London at the Royal College of Nursing, two at Toronto University, Canada, two in the U.S.A., and one in New Zealand, and one in Sweden.

## HIGHER SALARIES FOR HOSPITAL MATRONS.

### NEW RUSHCLIFFE COMMITTEE SCALES FOR MANY NURSING POSTS.

We are informed by the Ministry of Health that higher salaries in a wide range of hospital nursing posts, including matrons, and in the Public Health service—in all, for nearly 30 grades—are recommended by the Rushcliffe Committee. Concessions are also proposed in cases where trained nurses have returned to nursing from the Forces, or where male student nurses have resumed their training after war service.

Salary increases are retrospective from January 1st last.

In hospitals approved for complete training for State Registration in general nursing, nursing of sick children and fever nursing, the revised salaries for matrons, for instance, range from £280 rising by annual increments of £25 to £405 (with annual emoluments valued at £150) in hospitals with fewer than 200 beds, to £500 rising to £750 (with emoluments of £250) in hospitals with 1,000 or more beds.

Increases are also proposed for matrons in all other classes of hospitals, including sanatoria and public assistance institutions.

There will also be corresponding increases for State Registered nurses employed as hospital assistant matrons, superintendent nurses or head nurses in public assistance institutions; qualified sister and male tutors, night staff, home sisters, house-keeping sisters and departmental sisters; and nurses possessing, or training for, the Tuberculosis Association's certificate.

For public health nurses an increased scale of £330 by £15 to £435, inclusive of emoluments, is recommended for qualified Health Visitors, Child Protection Visitors, Tuberculosis Visitors and School Nurses holding Health Visitor's certificate or diploma. Senior Health Visitors, Senior School Nurses and Superintendents of Infant Welfare Centres will also receive the new salary plus an allowance of £20.

The Committee also recommend that all trained nurses returning to nursing from the Forces should have their period of war service counted as part of their nursing service in regard to increments.

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